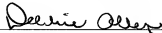


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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO**  
**NOTICE OF THE OFFICE, DATED OCTOBER 17, 2008**

In response to the Notice of the Office dated October 17, 2008 (the "Notice") and the Office Action dated March 27, 2008 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully submit the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 5 of this paper.